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Publications and design services wins the Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest

Judges of the Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest named the Office of Publications and Design Services as the competition's winner. The other entries were advancement and marketing, Business Office, Club Biology, ID Office, Information Technology Central, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, Office of Public Information, mail room, psychology, social work and addiction studies, Registrar's Office and the Student Success Center.

Pictured at left are decorations made from paper and displayed in the Office of Publication and Design Services.



Underwood High School wins Tech Day again

Underwood High School, which received the most points for placements in all competitions, won the Sweepstakes Team Traveling Trophy for the seventh year during the Department of Business Information Technology's 17th annual Technology Day. Other participating high schools included Berthold, Bowbells, Des Lacs-Burlington, Kenmare, Max, Powers Lake, Sawyer, Stanley, TGU Granville, TGU Towner and Westhope.

The high school students competed in accounting, business communication, business law, desktop publishing, document production, business principles, spreadsheet applications and webpage design. Every school was eligible to enter one student in each of the seven individual events.

Alyssa Ballard and Liva Rovig, MSU business education students, and Jan Repnow, business teacher education assistant professor, coordinated and supervised the competition.

Winners at the event are: accounting: first



place, Kaylee Kurtz, Berthold; second place, Alexis Edwards, Powers Lake; third place, Kathryn Halvorson, Stanley; business communication: first place, Nolan Beeter, Bowbells; second place



Isaiah Bender, Sawyer; third place, Layton Erickson, Des Lacs-Burlington; business law: first place, Logan Eckert, Powers Lake; second place, Tony Heidelberger, Underwood; third place, Austin Moen, Des Lacs-Burlington; desktop publishing: first place, Kazandra Salgado, Stanley; second place, Krista Blotske, Underwood; third place, Kyle Larson, Sawyer; document publication: first, Allison Cross, TGU-Granville; second place, McKenzie Snyder, Underwood; third place, Mason Mach, Westhope; introduction to business: first, Thomas Heidelberger, Underwood; second place, John Opland, Des Lacs-Burlington; third place, Preston Miller, Sawyer; spreadsheet: first place, Travis Dean, Stanley; second place, Eden Johannes, Underwood; third place, Sydney Pabian, Berthold; presentation software: first place, Jasmin Johnson, Berthold; second place, Lindsey Duben, Underwood; third place, Nina Smith, Stanley; and Sweepstakes team award: Underwood.

KMSU Auction: a success for students

Minot State University broadcasting students raised \$11,300 at this year's annual KMSU Auction Dec. 4. Students organized, promoted and produced the fundraising event with guidance from Audra Myerchin, associate professor of communication arts, and Janna McKechnie, KMSU Auction coordinator.



"The biggest challenge is always time," Myerchin said. "We work with students who have little or no experience with event planning, teach them the fundamentals, and then watch them put it into practice in only a short 16 weeks. Seeing the students shine is really a highlight for me and I am very grateful to such a supportive community who helped them realize their goals."

The KMSU Auction promotes local businesses through various media in exchange for donations which are collected by students. The donations are then organized into packages which are auctioned off on live television in a QVC-style format. Viewers call in to place bids on-air during an allotted time with the highest bid winning the package.

Approximately 60 packages were assembled from more than 175 donations that were collected by students.

"Some of the biggest draws this year were packages containing a YMCA membership, MSU tuition waiver and golf clubs from Scheels," McKechnie said. "While that's great for raising funds, the really wonderful part is the learning experience for the students. The event really gives them a hands-on opportunity to something very involved – this is real life! This is what they could be doing someday."

The students donate 10 percent of funds raised to a charitable cause. This year, the charitable benefactor was the Souris Valley Animal Shelter. For questions, contact McKechnie at janna.mcjechnie@minotstateu.edu or Myerchin at audra.myerchin@minotstateu.edu.

Minot State University spring registration underway

The holidays are here, and that means it's time to register for the spring 2015 semester at Minot State University. Current students are urged to enroll in classes on campus, at Minot Air Force Base, or for classes and degree programs in Bismarck and Fargo. Online classes and degree programs are available as well, and students are encouraged to review the schedule to evaluate all of the flexible course offerings. Current students may register at any time by visiting Campus Connection, located at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/cc/>.

CONNECT orientation sessions and registration for transfer and first-year students are also underway. Students who have been accepted to MSU will be invited via email to register for a CONNECT session. Dates can be found at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/orientation/dates.shtml>.

Evening classes begin Jan. 12 and daytime classes begin Jan. 13. For more information, visit www.Askmsu.com or call 858-3350 or 1-800-777-0750.

N.D. recruiting low-income youth with disabilities to further their education and employability

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a Center of Excellence on Minot State University's campus, will begin recruitment of 50 North Dakota youth with disabilities to participate in a six-state project to improve their education and employment outcomes. The Achieving Success by Promoting Readiness for Education and Employment (ASPIRE) project will recruit youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 16 and their families to participate.

ASPIRE is a collaboration of six states: Arizona, Colorado, Montana, North and South Dakota and Utah. This partnership was formed to implement the U.S.



Department of Education grant under the Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income (PROMISE) Initiative.



"All children deserve a chance to achieve their educational and career goals," said Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. "The PROMISE initiative provides services and support to help our most at-risk students and their families so that they can focus on their education and a brighter future."

The terms of the federal grant divides the teens into two groups. Twenty-five of the 50 North Dakota teens and their families who enter the project will receive information about existing services in the state. The remaining 25 youth will be offered additional case management, benefits counseling, financial capability training, career and work-based learning experiences, and parent information and training until September 2018. The two groups, those who were offered the additional services and those who receive existing services, will be compared to determine the effectiveness of the additional services.

To learn more about ASPIRE North Dakota, see www.aspirewest.org or contact Amy Armstrong, ASPIRE North Dakota site coordinator, at Amy.Armstrong@minotstateu.edu or (800) 233-1737.

MSO performs Family Concert 'Animals Galore' Jan. 24

Scott Seaton, assistant music professor, will conduct the Minot Symphony Orchestra Jan. 24 in its family concert, "Animals Galore," in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. The performance features Dianna Anderson, MSU assistant professor of music, and Jay Mauchley, professor emeritus at the University of Idaho. The High School Soloist Competition winner will be the featured soloist.



Children can arrive early for the instrument petting zoo. Minot State University students, faculty and staff are admitted free with a current ID. Ticket prices for adults are \$20 main floor and \$25 balcony; senior citizen is \$15 main floor and \$20 balcony; students 12-18, \$10; children, \$5. Symphony patrons are invited to join Erik Anderson, music professor, for a 6:30 p.m. preconcert lecture for an inside look at the symphony program. For more information about MSO, visit <http://www.minotstateu.edu/symphony/>.

MSU president to discuss upcoming legislative session

Opening the spring semester Democracy Cafes on Jan. 27, Steven Shirley, Minot State University president, will lead discussion on the upcoming legislative session. Democracy Cafe fosters nonpartisan discussion on important civic issues. It meets every three weeks in the Beaver Brew Cafe from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Funded by Minot State University's College of Arts and Sciences, the event is free and open to the public. For questions, contact Jynette Larshus, Sociology Club advisor, at 858-4324 or Jynette.larshus@minostateu.edu.

Nursing students showcased projects during Nursing Scholarship Day

Nursing Scholarship Day, sponsored by the Minot State University Department of Nursing Dec. 12, highlighted semester-long research projects of all five semester nursing students. The topics and teams included:

- S2 (second semester) Theory and Research presented "Efficacy of Therapeutic Touch."
- S1, S2 and S3 participated in poster presentations.
- S4 Public Health Nursing discussed "The Public Health Implications of Legalizing Marijuana."
- S5 Leadership and Management presented "Medication Reconciliation."

For questions, contact: Nikki Medalen, assistant professor of nursing, at 858-4476 or Nicole.medalen@minotstateu.edu.

Chamber sponsors legislative forums

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee will host Saturday legislative forums at the North Dakota State Fair Center, with the first forum Jan. 17 at 9 a.m. Tom Seymour, business information technology professor, chairs the host committee.

The forums give attendees a chance to meet with Minot area legislators and ask questions. The format includes a moderator who asks questions submitted in writing by the audience. Each session runs from 9 to 11 a.m. at the NDSF Center. Other dates are Jan. 31, Feb. 14 and March 7 and 21. Rich Wardner, senate majority leader, will be the special guest at the March 7 meeting, and there will be a meeting on April 11 if necessary.

In the galleries

Dec. 17-31 — "Military Wife," art education major Leah Freeman's senior capstone exhibit, features acrylic paintings portraying thoughts and feelings she has experienced while being married to a military man, Hartnett Gallery.

Jan. 13-Feb. 12 — "Americas 2014: Paperworks Best of Show," sculptures by Chris Perry, New York, N.Y., Library Gallery.

Jan. 13-Feb. 26 — "Americas 2015: Paperworks" juried by James Ehlers Emporia, Hartnett Gallery.

Minot State University mission

Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.

Be seen. Be heard.